

after the adoption of this constitution, shall by law establish throughout the State a thorough and efficient system of free public schools, and shall provide, by taxation or otherwise, for their maintenance.

Sec. 2. The system of public schools, as now constituted, shall remain in force until the end of the said first session of the General Assembly.

The Convention then adjourned until Monday.

The members of the Convention have contributed \$620 for the relief of the destitute people of the South. Mr. Starr, one of the members from Baltimore county, will hand the amount over tomorrow to Mrs. Benjamin C. Howard, the president of the Southern Relief Association.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1867.

Convention met at 10 o'clock, Col. John F. Dent, of St. Mary's in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hammond. The roll was called and fifty-one members answered to their names.

The doorkeepers were sent to look for absent members, but returned and reported that they were unable to find any members in the city who were not present.

Mr. Buchanan moved to adjourn.

Mr. McKaig thought that prior to adjournment such action should be taken as would compel enough members to attend to secure a quorum. If the private business of gentlemen necessitated their absence, they should come before the Convention and obtain leave. It might be so arranged then as to always retain a quorum. Otherwise he was for sending the sergeant-at-arms to the extreme shores of Somerset or the peaks of Allegany for the recusants. Probably, however, it would be well to take no action until tomorrow. The Convention then adjourned.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1867.

Convention met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Father Burke.

The President presented a communication from Gov-